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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING
COURTEOUS

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I was disturbed to read on the ticker this morning the kind of reception given to our colleague, the distinguished Senator from Mississippi (Mr. STENNIS), when he appeared at Johns Hopkins University as a guest of that institution.

There are questions on which the distinguished Senator and I disagree, but I have always felt that anyone invited into an institution like Johns Hopkins just as anyone invited into someone's home should be treated as a guest, with courtesy and consideration. There are two sides to every question, and I abhor the fact that a Member of this body—and this would apply to any of our citizens—was not given the courteous treatment which any American deserves when he appears as a guest at any institution of this kind.

What we ought to recognize is that the differences which divide us will become wider if we do not try to narrow the gap.

I know Senator STENNIS as a man of courage, a man of deep conviction and great sincerity. I know, too, that if this situation had been reversed, Senator STENNIS would have extended toward the views of others the courtesy and tolerance that have characterized his many years of public service.

So I would hope that, despite the differences which many of us have, we would treat one another with courtesy and consideration. I know that Senator STENNIS would not have it otherwise. The example he has set over the years on that score is one all of us could follow. In that way also I think we would be less likely to resort to violence, epithets, name calling, and other forms of abuse which do none of us any good and, in fact, do this Nation great harm. I commend Senator STENNIS. I deplore the type of reception he reportedly received at Johns Hopkins.
